appropriate action as and when such cases are reported. It is the responsibility of State Governments to ensure that the smart cards issued by their authorities or vendors selected by them comply with the prescribed rules.

(c) Action on violation; if any, by the vendors has to be taken by the State Governments themselves.

Stilted expressway on Hosur Road

3239. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work on the 9.5 km. stilted expressway on Hosur Road would be commenced by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) whether it is a fact that IT companies situated in the area were opposing the project; and

(c) the features of this project, and which are the implementing agencies of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) It is proposed to construct an elevated highway of length 9.985 km on Bangalore-Hosur Section of NH-7 from km 8.765 to km 18.750. It is also proposed to improve ground level highway to 6-lane. The work will be done on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. Action has been taken to award the work. The date of commencement and implementing agency will be known after award of work.

NHAI has not faced any opposition from IT companies against the project.

Road cum Railway Bridge over Brahmaputra River

3240. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years that would be required to complete the construction fo Bogibil Road cum Railway Bridge over Brahmaputra rivier in Assam;

(b) whether steps have been taken to strengthen the connecting road from Jonai to Lakhimpur (Part of NH-52) in anticipation of the increase in traffic intensity on this road on completion of the construction of bridge mentioned above;

(c) whether the four-lane corridor road construction is not making any progress in Assam area in comparison to other States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The construction of Bogibeel bridge is likely to be completed in four years *i.e.* by 2008-09.

(b) Yes, Sir. The stretch from Jonai to Lakhimpur of NH-52 is planned for widening to two lane under "Special accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern Region".

(c) and (d) Atotal length of 690 Km. of National Highways has been taken up under East-West Corridor of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in the State of Assam. Out of this 19 Km. have already been four laned 453 Km. are under implementation and action has been initiated for award of work for the remaining 218 Km. The entire work is likely to be completed by 2008.

NH-4 in Karnataka

3241. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the on-going road works taken up under golden quadrilateral project on National Highway No. 4 in Karnataka; and

(b) by when the entire work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The present